

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/630,040

Examiner

Irakli Kiknadze

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

2882

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Interview Summary of 11/22/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 11222004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brent E. Matthias (Reg. No. 41,974) on November 22, 2004.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

line 7, after " direction " add -- a stub shaft attached to a midpoint of the first bracket cross support for coupling to the mounting assembly second end, --;

line 10, after " a radiographic head " add -- comprising an X-ray source and defining a center of gravity and being - -;

line 12, after " lateral direction " add -- and passing substantially through the radiographic head center of gravity, --;

line 13, after " the X axis " add -- wherein the Y axis passes substantially through the radiographic head center of gravity and extends substantially perpendicular to the X axis. -- .

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

Claim 8:

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line 10, after " axis extending " -- add substantially --,

line 12, after " a radiographic head " add -- comprising an X-ray source and --.

Claim 9, line 3, " through the radiographic head " should read -- substantially through the radiographic head --.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 and 4-9 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 and 4-7 are allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiographic device comprising a stub shaft attached to a midpoint of a first bracket cross support for coupling to a mounting assembly and wherein a Y axis passes substantially through a radiographic head center of gravity and extends substantially perpendicular to an X-axis as claimed.

Claims 8 and 9 are allowed because prior art fails to teach or make obvious a radiographic device comprising a yoke including an outer bracket having a stub shaft sized for insertion into a horizontal mounting member and rotatable within a horizontal mounting member about a Y axis extending substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00- 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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